

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer (Hymn #492)

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (Hymn #505)

There Is A Redeemer

Offering & Prayer

Choir Anthem: "With Every Breath"

Dismiss for Kids Church - 1st-5th Grades (No Beginners Church)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38, Paul Thomas

Message: Jesus: Son of David, Son of Mary, Son of God

We Come, O Christ, To You (Hymn #86)

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 012

This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric visits with Jenny Hodgson to talk about the Grief Share ministry and the upcoming Surviving the Holidays event. New episodes post every Tuesday. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast or listen via your favorite podcast app. Email podcast@efcbemidji.org with comments or feedback.

Where's Pastor Jerry?

On Thursday, November 14, Pastor Jerry will be having a surgical procedure as a treatment for acid reflux. He's planning to return to work at the church after November 24. Pastor Eric and Jerry Drebelbis will be covering the pulpit in his absence. Prayers for a good surgery and a smooth recovery would be much appreciated.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Jesus Son Of God

Thank You Jesus

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38, Sarah Robeck

Message: Jesus: Son of David, Son of Mary, Son of God

This I Believe

Benediction

Women's Overflow

Ladies! You are invited to join us Monday, November 25 from 6:30-8:00pm to make a Christmas ornament and be encouraged by a God Story. Be sure to sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the Connection Cafe so we have enough supplies. We hope to see you there!

Pick up a FREE Advent Devotional

Make the most of the upcoming Advent season with a FREE devotional. We have two options this year. Copies are available in the Connection Cafe. One copy per household, please.

Next Sunday, November 17, 2024

Message: Jesus: Son of David, Son of Mary, Son of God

Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Eric Nygren

There are many ways to give at E-Free Bemidji.

1 Visit www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code (back page)

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 am - Kids Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)
- 9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (Guys-Youth Room, Girls- Green Room)
- 10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (Lower, dismissed before sermon)

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, November 20

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos (Gym)
- 6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- 6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

Wednesday, November 27 - NO Kids or Youth Group

E-Free Kids Sunday School

- 9:45-10:30am - use secure check-in
PreK-Kindergarten (PreK Room)
- 1st-5th grade (5th grade class room)

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 through 5th grade! Join us for dinner at 5pm. Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:45 pm. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated towards OCC! Please be praying as these boxes are distributed in the next couple of months.

May the Great News and Joy of Jesus be shared and multiplied!

Kids Christmas Service December 8th at 9:30am

Attention all Kids and Parents! Children, PreK-5th are leading this service. We have been working on songs on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please watch for an email to the links for the songs.

**Kids Christmas Service
Rehearsal – Dec. 1st from 11am-12pm in the sanctuary.** Please be there!

Youth Ministry



Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Most Wednesdays throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Most Sunday mornings we have Sunday School during the Sunday School hour to connect, and pray about our week and have class. See Shelly Mustful or Danny Paddock with questions. shellymustful@gmail.com or paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com

Global Fingerprints Kids

We will be taking an offering this Wednesday for our Global Fingerprints Kids. We need \$78 a month to support them. Here's a chance to make a difference in someone's life!

Bemidji Food Shelf

October had:
1219 Families, 3,923 People
87,348 pounds of food
1,433 Children, 2,029 (18-24), and
461 Seniors. We can really use cake mixes and bar soap.

Young Adults

Sunday, November 17

- 9:45am - Church Hist. Survey (Ch)
Gospel of John (Rm 10)
Baptism Class (Rm 1)

Tuesday, November 19

- 6:30 pm - Anchor
- 7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups
women: South Conference Room
men: Ozawindib Room
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 21

- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (gym)
- 7:30 pm - CRU -Crying Wolf Room

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. Contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with any questions.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 17

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - A Survey of Church History, AD 100-600 (Chapel)
Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Global Connections Committee (Fireside)
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, November 18

- 6:30 pm - Young Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

Tuesday, November 19

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, November 20

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm - Ruby's Pantry (Sanford Center)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
- 6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

Thursday, November 21

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (chapel)
- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Men's Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, November 22

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm - Mom's in Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 6:15 pm - Youth Pastor Search Committee (Conference Room)

Monday Nov 18 - Monday Nov 25

- Operation Christmas Child Box Drop Off

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

After the first design was turned down in 1987, the Building Committee continued to refine their ideas for our new church. By Dec. 1987, after home prayer meetings, a 12-hour prayer vigil, and a fundraising banquet, pledges came in to help pay for the new building over 3 years.

Thanks for your ministry, Corbin!

Our Facility Supervisor, Corbin McCray has submitted his letter of resignation to the Trustees and is stepping away from the position as of December 13th. We are thankful for Corbin's ministry. If you have questions about the Facility Supervisor position, contact Stephen Helweg, our Trustee Chair.

Winfield Black Celebration of Life

Win went home to be with his Lord on October 29. A celebration of life will be held from 1:00-3:00 pm, Sunday, November 17, at Tamarack Court in Bemidji, MN.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in September of 2006 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Phyliss L. Bergsven, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by his family and friends.

Orphan Sunday

EFCA churches across the country will be highlighting the ministry of Global Fingerprints as part of Orphan Sunday. Through partner churches in twelve countries, Global Fingerprints helps to provide for the spiritual, nutritional, medical, and educational needs of children for just \$39 a month. We will have opportunities to begin sponsoring a child through Global Fingerprints next Sunday. Visit globalfingerprints.org for more information about the program.

Operation Christmas Child

E-Free will be accepting shoeboxes from area churches the week of November 18-23. Help is needed Monday-Friday afternoons with two shifts each day: 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00, and Saturday 9:00-noon. You will be helping unload shoeboxes from vehicles and then putting them in cartons for shipment. We need two people per shift. Please call Anna Johnson at 218-760-5264 to sign up.

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Church Office

Email: efree@paubunyan.net | Phone: (218) 751-8834

Office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am - 8:30 am; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for November 10, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 41,970

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 713,885

Needed YTD: 719,370



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 75,343

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 10, 2024

388 onsite | 29 screens / 5 states

2 countries

SS: 11 kids | 16 youth | 54 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 51

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

66 adults, 74 children, 65 youth

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E-Free Kids Ministry: text **efreekids** to **94000**

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ADVENT

CELEBRATING THE SEASON AT E-FREE BEMIDJI

THANKSGIVING WEEK

SUN | Nov 24

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John

Adult Sunday School: A Survey of Church History (AD 100-600)

Kids & Youth Sunday School

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

2:00 pm - Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays

MON | Nov 25

6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (sign-up required)

TUES | Nov 26

6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship

WED | Nov 27

No Wednesday Kids Club, Youth Group, or on-site Life Groups

THU | Nov 28

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

No Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

FRI | Nov 29

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

No Friday AM Men's Discipleship

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN | Dec 1 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service

11:00 am - Treats in the Connection Cafe - No Sunday School

WED | Dec 4

5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

FRI | Dec 6

6:00 pm - Women's Christmas Tea (tickets required)

SAT | Dec 7

8:30 am - Men's Breakfast

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN | Dec 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service / Kids Christmas Service (Pre-K - 5th Grade)

11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John

Adult Sunday School: A Survey of Church History (AD 100-600)

Kids & Youth Sunday School

6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer

WED | Dec 11

5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

FRI | Dec 13

11:30 am - Senior Connection Christmas Potluck, the Story Behind the Carol, and special music

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN | Dec 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service / Choir Christmas Cantata

11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John

Adult Sunday School: A Survey of Church History (AD 100-600)

Kids & Youth Sunday School

WED | Dec 18

5:15 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN | Dec 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service & Communion

11:00 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John

Adult Sunday School: A Survey of Church History (AD 100-600)

Kids and Youth Sunday School

TUES | Dec 24

6:00 pm Christmas Eve - Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Service

WED-THUR | Dec 25 & 26

Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

FRI | Dec 27

No Friday AM Men's Discipleship

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29TH

SUN | Dec 29

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service - NO Kids Church

11:00 am - Treats in the Connection Cafe - NO Sunday School

WED | Jan 1

Church Office Closed for New Year Holiday

SUN | Jan 5

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: John

Adult Sunday School: A Survey of Church History (AD 100-600)

Kids & Youth Sunday School

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

WED | Jan 8

5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Family Meal

6:00 pm - Kids Club, Youth Group, & on-site Life Groups

GIVE THANKS & SHARE IN THE 44th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year, dinners will be delivered to those who are homebound. Requests must be made by noon on Monday, November 25, 2024, to guarantee delivery. Call Karen at 218-368-3601 to make a request for homebound delivery

Interested in volunteering?

Wednesday, Nov 27 (prep pies, rolls, etc)
5PM to 6:30PM at the Eagles Club

Thursday, Nov 28 (Delivery Drivers, Kitchen,
Preparing delivery containers for drivers and
cleanup)

- Various shifts from 9AM to 12PM

Call Karen at 218-368-3601 to volunteer

Monetary donations are welcome. Checks
may be made to Bemidji Community
Meals

Mail to: LaMae Ritchie

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1. There are countless depictions of the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary in film, art, and music. Do you have a favorite? How do you picture the scene in Luke 1:26-38?
2. Skim through the passage from last week (Luke 1:5-25). What do you notice is similar to Luke 1:26-38? What is different about these two birth announcement? Why do you think Luke links these two accounts?
3. Read Luke 1:37 (NIV). If you have other translations in your group (ESV, KJV, NLT, etc.) compare them. What do you think it means that "no word from God will ever fail" (NIV)? What assurance does that give you? What promises in Scripture do you find yourself returning to again and again?
4. Take time to read 2 Samuel 7:1-17 in full. What promises does God make in this passage? If you have time, look at Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 11:1-2; Jer. 23:5-6; Ezek. 34:23-24; Acts 13:22-23; Heb. 1:8-9. What do these passages have in common?
5. Pastor Eric said that "every single promise God makes in Scripture finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ." What does that mean? Would you agree? Why might this be something to keep in mind as we read the Bible?

